India's exports trade

172. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country's exports have shown a rising trend during the last financial year as compared to 1985-86 and 1986-87; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) The details of exports during 1985-86, 1986-87 and April '87—February, 1988 are as under:

Year	Exports	Percentage change
	(Value : Rs. crores)	
1985-86 . . .	10894.59	..
1986-87 (R) . .	12566.62	+15.3
1987-88(P) . . (April-February)	13939 04	+24 0*

R : Revised

P : Provisional

(*As compared to provisional figures of Rs. 11243 65 crores during April-February 1986-87).

Source : DGCI&S Calcutta.

Bilateral trade between India and foreign countries

173. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the volume of bilateral trade between India and Saudi Arabia, Italy, Kuwait, Arab Emirat and Latin American countries during the last two financial years; and

(b) what are the plans to increase substantially the volume of trade between India and these countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) A Statement is attached. (*See* below).

(b) Steps taken to increase volume of trade between India and these countries include bilateral talks during the meetings of Joint Commissions/Committees exchange of commercial delegations participation in each other's trade fairs, commercial publicity, improvement in shipping and credit facilities, etc.

Statement

Volume of trade between India and foreign countries

(*Rs. in crores*)

Country/Region	Year	Exports	Imports	Total Volume of Trade
1 Italy	1985.86	206.09	318.98	525.07
	1986.87	320 66	490.22	810 88
2 Kuwait	1985-86	122.16	334.78	456.94
	1986-87	95.31	286.17	381.48
3 Saudi Arabia	1985-86	213.02	811.14	1024.16
	1986-87	218.84	687.23	906 07
4 United Arab Emirates	1985-86	288.37	628.45	916.82
	1986-87	286.90	332.77	619.67
5 Latin American Countries . . .	1985-86	20.10	548.69	568.79
	1986-87	35.18	424.05	459.23